

What We Shall Do

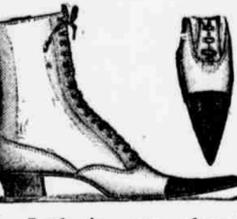
We start today to close out every pair of pointed toe shoes in our store. We shall sell them at one-half the price until they are all gone,



At One-Half Price, \$2.09

Ladies, Misses' and Children.

Don't pass us anywhere for \$4.00.



Look in our show window. They won't be long before your size is out.

SCHANK & SPENCER, 410 SPRUCE STREET.

CITY NOTES.

The grand jury is expected to make its second and final return to court this morning.

There will be a special matinee at the Lyceum this afternoon at 2:30. Prices 25 and 20 cents.

St. Luke's Industrial school will open at 2:30 this afternoon in the parish rooms on Washington avenue.

Simon Seigle is a candidate for assessor of the sixteenth ward at the forthcoming Republican caucus.

Marriage licenses were yesterday granted to David E. Richards and Edith Powell, of Scranton; John Loftus, of Waverly, and Mary Philbin, of Minocqua.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company will pay its employees on the Southern division the same machine-ists today. The Delaware and Hudson company paid yesterday at the Delaware and Baltimore slopes, at Wilkes-Barre.

Professor W. E. Plumley, of the School of the Lackawanna, will lecture at the Railroad department, Young Men's Christian association this evening at 8 o'clock. Members and their families are welcome.

There will be a special meeting of the Lady Oakland Woman's Veteran Relief Union, No. 10, Monday at 2:30 p. m., to make arrangements for the reception of their national president. All members are urged to be present at the meeting.

The New England Mutual Life Insurance company, of Boston, through its local representative, Mr. A. E. Clay, is distributing to patrons and friends a calendar engraved on steel by the American Bank Note company and comprising a splendid portrait of General Washington at Valley Forge, together with a perspective view of Washington's headquarters. Accompanying the calendar is a neatly printed booklet prepared by the president of the company, Benjamin F. Stevens, giving the history of Washington's operations and privations during this critical period in the Revolutionary war.

Such large throngs of people attended the fair of Holy Cross church last evening that it was necessary to stop selling tickets. The many hundreds present had the pleasure of witnessing a good entertainment by amateur talent and listening to music by the Cumberland band, of Providence. There was a solo by Edna Walsh and a recitation by Thomas Hanley. The door price, a barrel of cakes was won by Miss Celia Walsh. Miss Clark won a pair of shoes, Peter Richards a merchandise pipe, Miss Kate Walsh a fancy rocking chair, and Timothy McCoy a bedstead. A pleasing entertainment program will be rendered this evening.

Specials for Saturday. Ribbons, all silk, best quality, assorted widths, your choice for 3c. Ladies' Princess Collar and Ties, 50c goods, for 25c. Medalion Neckties, worth 75c, for 35c. Ladies' white 50c aprons, for 25c. Ladies' 20c aprons, for 10c. Ladies' 50c aprons, for 25c. MEARNS & HAGEN.

8c Buys the Best Sugar Cured Hams

THE GREAT 4c. STORE

POOR BOARD SLATE WAS A SURE WINNER

Combination of Four Votes Ruled Yesterday's Reorganization.

MR. FINN GOT THE COLLECTORSHIP

President Re-Elected and His Son Made Secretary and Van Bergen Treasurer--Business of the Meeting Was Performed with Just the Rapidity That Had Been Planned by the Big Four--One District Added for Outdoor Physicians.

The board of poor directors of the Scranton poor district met yesterday afternoon and perfected a new 1898 organization. It was not accomplished without a division in which the majority, Presidents W. S. Langstaff, Frederick Fuller, F. L. Terpe and P. J. Murphy carried their slate against Dr. W. A. Paine, Thomas Shotten and Beemer and Brooks. The organization was effected as follows:

President--W. S. Langstaff. Secretary--W. S. Langstaff, Jr. Treasurer--John Van Bergen. Collector--Wade M. Finn. Solicitor--John E. Farrell. Superintendent--George W. Beemer. Matron--Mrs. George W. Beemer. Resident physician--Dr. A. J. Dunmore. Outdoor physician--Dr. P. F. Gunster, central city; Dr. M. J. Williams, West Side; Dr. Albert Kolb, South Side; Dr. W. B. Donne, Providence; Dr. J. H. Murphy, Dunmore and Tenth ward. Chaplains--Rev. J. J. Farrell, Catholic, and Rev. Mr. Austin, Protestant.

After the board had concluded its regular business, which wound up all its 1897 affairs, an adjournment was made for reorganization. The roll was called and Mr. Brooks elected temporary chairman.

President Langstaff was re-elected without opposition and immediately occupied the chair. The only vote against him was his own which he cast for Mr. Brooks. For secretary, C. Joe Gillespie was nominated by Dr. Paine, and Langstaff, Jr. by Mr. Fuller. The roll called showed a vote of 4 to 3 in favor of the latter, the division being as mentioned in the foregoing. The new secretary made a brief acknowledgment of thanks, but did not assume his office. He left the room and the business of the session was recorded by the retiring secretary, E. J. Lynett.

THE TREASURERSHIP. John Van Bergen, whose term as treasurer expired, was nominated for re-election by Mr. Terpe. Mr. Brooks nominated E. M. Verno. The same division as in the election of a secretary returned Van Bergen the board's choice by a majority of one vote.

Interest in the reorganization centered in the election of a collector for which Wade M. Finn was a candidate for re-election in opposition to Hon. John E. Farrell. It was decided by a majority of one vote and with just as little variety as had featured the other elections, Farr was nominated by Mr. Shotten and Finn by Mr. Fuller.

There was no opposition in the election of Attorney Scragg as solicitor, Beemer as superintendent, Mrs. Beemer as matron and Dr. Strang as resident physician.

When nominations for chaplains were declared in order Mr. Murphy nominated Father Farrell for Catholic, chaplain and Rev. Edward Howell and Rev. Mr. Austin were nominated by Dr. Paine and Mr. Fuller, respectively, for the Protestant office. Father Farrell was elected unanimously, but in the Protestant choice the solid four again scored one over the minority and elected Mr. Austin.

Before electing the outdoor physicians the West Side and Providence sections which had been combined in one district were divided. The salaries for the West Side and Providence city were fixed as formerly, \$275 each. On motion of Mr. Brooks \$25 was added to the previous South Side and Providence salaries, making them \$225 and \$200, respectively, and on motion of Mr. Murphy, \$25 was added to the Dunmore Tenth ward salary, making it \$200. The elections were all unanimous. Dr. Gunster, for the central city, was nominated by Mr. Murphy; Dr. Williams, for the West Side, by Mr. Paine; Dr. W. D. Donne, for Providence, by Mr. Shotten; Dr. Kolb, for the South Side, by Mr. Terpe; and Dr. Murphy, for Dunmore and the Tenth ward, by Mr. Murphy.

SALARIES FIXED. On motion of Dr. Paine the salaries of last year were continued as follows: Superintendent, \$1,400; matron, \$600; resident physician, \$1,000; secretary, \$300; collector, \$300. It was announced that Secretary Langstaff's office would be permanently located in the board rooms. President Langstaff appointed the following standing committees:

Home committee--Messrs. Fuller, Brooks and Murphy. Purchasing committee--Messrs. Murphy, Fuller and Paine. Finance committee--Messrs. Terpe, Fuller and Shotten. Rules committee--Messrs. Brooks, Paine and Terpe. Visitation and relief--Messrs. Paine, Shotten and Brooks.

The make-up of the committees showed that the three minority members had been thrust in a bunch on the one committee which has nothing but its name, the visitation and relief committee, and that the only other recognition of Mr. Shotten was his appointment to the finance committee.

Mr. Shotten announced his wish to resign from the finance committee. He had been one of its members for two years, but could not attend the meetings which had been held at hours and places inconvenient to him. Mr. Fuller, who had been chairman of the committee, said he had announced at the organizations of one and two years ago that he would call the meetings at Mr. Shotten's convenience.

"I know you said so, but you never did," said Mr. Shotten. "I was never given notice by the committee meetings," he concluded. President Langstaff then appointed Dr. Paine in Mr. Shotten's place.

A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring secretary, Mr. Lynett, who responded briefly.

The meeting concluded with the reading of Superintendent Beemer's December report.

FINAL MEETING OF POOR BOARD.

The Annual Reports of the Officers Were Heard.

The final meeting of the poor board for the fiscal year of 1897 was held yesterday afternoon and concluded with the annual reorganization and election of officers, which is reported in another column.

The annual report of the directors

for the year ending Dec. 31 was distributed in printed form, "showing receipts, disbursements, accounts of secretary, treasurer, tax collectors, superintendent and resident physician, products of the farm and an inventory of the real and personal property of the district as required by the act of assembly incorporating the district, approved April 9, 1862."

Under the head, "Accounts of the Secretary," was the following: There was disbursed upon claims against the district, duly approved by the board, for which vouchers are on file, the sum of \$100,000 07

Salaries and services... \$18,270 57 Outdoor relief... 14,550 97 Supplies... 28,919 79 Improvements... 20,322 79 Printing and stationery... 548 37 Fuel... 1,000 00 Miscellaneous... 4,017 95

The foregoing accounts were given in greater detail in the report. In the salary account the largest item was \$13,302 for officers' attendants, etc.

The outdoor relief account of \$14,550.97 included one item of \$10,120.14 for provisions, rent, etc. Under the head of "improvements and repairs," the whole amounting to \$20,322.79, was \$11,972.54 for six electric plants and wiring.

Insurance cost \$1,714.30. The treasurer's (John Van Bergen's) account appeared as follows:

To cash from-- DR. C. J. Gillespie, treasurer... \$ 2,678 09 Arla Williams, collector, 1897... 1,000 00 W. M. Finn, collector, 1898... 8,000 00 W. S. Langstaff, collector, 1897... 61,400 00 Frederick Fuller, collector, 1897... 2,004 77 P. J. Murphy... 15 43 Slat appropriation... 13,000 00 G. W. Beemer, board of patents... 4,484 40

Balance on hand... \$ 1,657 77 WARRANT ACCOUNT. Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1897... \$ 6,423 73 Warrants issued, 1897... 100,000 07

Total... \$106,423 80 Warrants paid in 1897... \$101,244 12 Warrants cancelled... 35 00

Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1898... \$ 6,087 58

The recent inventory of personal property amounted to \$66,206.19 and the real estate \$283,850, showing a total valuation of \$350,056.19 on the property of the district.

Embodied in the report was a sub-report of Superintendent Beemer, which contained the following:

The average number of inmates at Hill-side Home during the year was 289 28-750, and the per capita cost of maintaining papers at the Home, including food, clothing, light, heat, medicine, salaries of attendants, resident physician, attendants, etc., exclusive of farm products, was \$1.75 per week.

The total of the board of inmates, sane and insane, is 1,000, of which one person for 14.05 days; besides this there were taken at the superintendent's and employees' table during the year a number of meals costing the board of inmates for 12,465 days, and by workmen employed on improvements and repairs, meals equal to the total of one person for 30 days, making the total number of meals at the Home, 15,465.

Number of inmates in the Home Dec. 31, 1897, was 576. Admitted during the year, 125 sane, 118 insane, born 3; total, 243. Discharged during the year, sane, 150; insane, 35. Died, sane, 37; insane, 37; total discharged, 74.

Remaining in the Home Dec. 31, 1897, 419, classified as follows: Sane, 185; insane, 230; epileptics, 13; idiotic, 4; children, 7.

Value of produce raised on farms for the year 1897 was \$8,955; cash received for care and maintenance of patients was \$4,645; and cash received for beef hides, etc., sold, \$21.05.

In conclusion was a statement by the directors. This was, in part, as follows:

The large expenditure for improvements and repairs which has been contracted for and much of the work done in 1897. Few if any bills contracted for this year remain unpaid. The board has a large expenditure in prospect, we can assure the public that there will be a very large decrease in this account for 1898.

During the year the Hill-side Home was destroyed by fire and insurance \$2,991 recovered thereupon.

The insane hospital at Hill-side Home still performs the functions of a state hospital for the districts in this and adjoining counties which have not made provisions for caring for their insane. The demand upon the institution has greatly overworked it and the district has the alternative of increasing the capacity of the institution, or of receiving patients from outside the district. It was found that rooms in the attic of the insane buildings might be fitted up at slight expense as sleeping quarters for the attendants who now sleep in the wards, thus providing accommodations for about fifty more insane. The Home committee has this under consideration.

Incidentally we may say that this large number of insane persons from outside the poor district swells the expense account to figures which are almost prohibitive to the taxpayers. They should remember, however, that these additional expenses have an object and are receipts for "state appropriation" and "board of inmates" in the accounts of the treasurer.

We also note a substantial reduction in the expenditure for outdoor relief from the expenditure on the same account in 1896.

Our institution continues to grow in reputation as a model Home and Asylum of Pennsylvania.

The usual number and variety of applicants sought aid from the board. John Pobenski, of the South Side, who has a wife in the hospital and is burdened with the care of five young children, was granted the request for other aid. The board also granted relief to Mrs. Thomas Kodack, of 101 Maple street, deserted by her husband and left with four children, appeared with the least delay to the board to act as an interpreter. It was made known that there was no food in their home and that it cost them \$5 per month for rent. The case was referred to Director Terpe, with power to act.

Margaret Galt, who looked most like a young girl, the mother of four children, the oldest 13 years of age, said she lived at 1062 Rock street and had been deserted by her husband. She owned her abode, a shanty of two rooms. Her case was given to President Langstaff, with power to act. William Geunraski, of 646 Maple street, a young man, said his wife had been in the hospital three months and he had to care for three children, the oldest seven years old, and could not work. Mr. Terpe was given power to act in this case.

What Everybody Knows. Or ought to know, is that health and even life itself depends upon the condition of the blood. Feeding, as it does, all the organs of the body, it must be rich and pure in order to give proper nourishment. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the blood pure, rich and nourishing, and in this way strengthens the nerves, creates an appetite, tones the stomach and builds up the health. Hood's Sarsaparilla wards off colds, pneumonia and fevers, which are prevalent at this time.

AUDITOR-GENERAL ISSUES A LETTER

It Contains Instructions to the Mercantile Appraisers of the State.

THE RULES CONCERNING MILEAGE

Such Bills Will Not Be Paid Until the Auditor General's Department Is Satisfied That the Appraiser Has in Person Visited in One Continuous Trip Every Place of Business Assessed--Suits and Serring Summons.

Auditor General Mylin has issued a circular letter to the county commissioners of the state in relation to the duties of the mercantile appraiser. He suggests that the appraisers be informed on several points.

He insists that appraisers shall personally visit all stores or other places of business liable to mercantile tax, and says that no license is to be assessed where the annual amount of sales is less than \$1,000. If dealers in liquors sell other goods than liquors then they must pay a license for the sale of such goods. In all counties the appraiser must furnish the county treasurer a list of dealers with their classifications.

The auditor general's department will pay no bills for mileage unless it is satisfied that the appraiser has in person visited in one continuous trip every place of business assessed. In accordance with recent decision of the Supreme court, dealers in live stock are exempt and they must not be assessed.

CERTAIN BUTCHERS EXEMPT. Butchers who sell the meat of animals they have slaughtered are also exempt, but those butchers who purchase cattle already killed and sell the same are not exempt. The payment of license. All foreign or resident dealers or firms who have a shop for the sale of meat apart from the slaughter house must be taxed.

County treasurers are instructed to give the collector of licenses for the mercantile tax, and to report to the auditor general, and managers and museums, their personal attention and to strictly enforce the act.

There must be no fictitious names on the appraiser's list, nor names of persons not residing at the places designated by him.

Under an opinion of the attorney general appraisers are instructed hereafter to assess all owners of restaurants, eating houses, etc., not selling liquors, and provision has been made by the department for returning this class of licenses.

The mercantile appraiser has no control over the publication of the appraiser's list, such publication being subject only to the order of the county commissioner. The publication must not be made in a Sunday newspaper. To avoid complications the auditor general requests that no bills for publishing the list shall be paid until presented to and approved by him.

PRACTICE THAT MUST CEASE. The attention of county treasurers is directed to the practice in vogue in many counties of the commonwealth by justices of the peace or aldermen in issuing summonses and executions in suits for uncollected licenses to constables other than those residing in the district where the license is due or nearest thereto. The auditor general holds that this is in direct violation of law and that the summonses must be issued direct to the constable residing in the district. In this direction there has been grave abuse in the past.

The summonses and executions in suits for uncollected licenses have been placed in the hands of one constable and he has traveled all over the county serving them and charging mileage. Sometimes running his fees and charges to a far larger amount than that collected by him. The auditor general says that hereafter no costs charged in violation of law will be paid by the department.

Under a circular the auditor general will carefully scan all bills that are sent in by mercantile appraisers. He holds that it is within his province to reduce them within the meaning of the law.

MR. MAHY TO LEAVE.

Secretary Granted One Year's Leave of Absence by the Directors.

General Secretary George G. Mahy, of the Young Men's Christian association, has been granted a year's leave of absence. On account of poor health he recently tendered his resignation which the board of directors declined to accept. During his absence, General Secretary Pearsall, of the Railroad branch of the association, will assume the duties of the secretaryship of both associations.

Mr. Mahy resigned on Dec. 15 at a meeting of the board of directors. He was prevailed upon to withdraw the resignation and finally consented to do so, the board urging him to stop work and take a complete rest for one year. He leaves today for a sanitarium at Danville, N. Y. On Jan. 15 Mrs. Mahy will join him and they will go to Phoenix, Arizona, and the Pacific coast.

Complete nervous prostration has threatened Mr. Mahy since over two months ago, when he first began to feel the strain resulting from overwork.

SHERIFF PRYOR'S FIRST SALES.

Five Properties Disposed of by Auction. Sheriff Pryor made his first real estate sales yesterday morning in the arbitration room of the court house. The following properties were disposed of:

Property of E. Daniel, executor, to Sophia Zwick for \$480. Property of Mrs. A. H. Doyle, of Lehigh township, to Charles Stegmair, of Wilkes-Barre, \$31.75. Property of S. Y. Haupt, Ninth ward, Schuylkill, to J. S. Shafter, junior vice commander; George E. Shafter, junior vice commander; Samuel H. Stevens, quartermaster; William Jones, adjutant; W. G. Scott, chaplain; William McDonnell, officer of the day; Charles Van Valen, guard.

Heavy and light-weight underwear at one-half price. Waters' bankrupt sale, 205 Lackawanna avenue.

Winter, with lukewarm water, as well as Summer, with cold water, FELS-NAPHTHA soap brings best results. FELS & CO., Philadelphia.

Saturday Picture Sale

We need dollars more than we need pictures--that's why 98c buys three dollars' worth today. Astounding bargains. Every one of the hundred or so we have placed on table at that price.

20x24 Pastels--White and Gold Frames. 16x20 Artotypes--Oak Frames. 14x28 Etchings--Oak and Gold Frames. Etc., Etc., Etc.

THE REXFORD CO. 303 Lackawanna Avenue.

BOTH OF THEM ACCUSE HIM.

Mother and Daughter Sorely Charge John McDermann.

As told in yesterday's North Scranton correspondent a middle aged man named John McDermann was arrested Thursday night at the "block of biases" for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. After a few hours' sleep in the station house, he recovered his senses sufficiently to discover that he had been robbed of \$10. He claimed that the theft was committed by a woman named Winnie Ruane whom he was visiting at the address named.

Lieutenant Spellman went to the station house in the wee small hours of the morning and took the Ruane woman into custody. In the morning, both were arraigned before Alderman Roberts. McDermann was fined \$3 and paid it. The woman secured a postponement of her hearing until today.

Yesterday the Ruane woman and her stepmother, Mrs. James Doran, went before Alderman Roberts and swore out warrants charging McDermann with attempted criminal assault. He was again arrested and in default of \$500 bail, \$300 in each case, he was committed to the county jail.

SLEIGHING ON THE BOULEVARD.

Best of the Season--The Recent Thaw Helped It. Persons who had planned sleigh rides for today or tonight shouldn't be discouraged as far as Elmhurst boulevard is concerned. The "sledding" along this mountain thoroughfare is better now than at any time this season.

The recent thaw and the light rain of Thursday night did not hurt sleighing on the boulevard. The wet and dampness made the snow susceptible to packing and livermen say the sleighing on the mountain is at its best.

PARKS OF THE CITY.

Plans for Their Maintenance and Improvement Discussed by the Park Commissioners. The cost of maintaining the city's parks and the proposition for a special bond ordinance or for including the park commission's needs in the proposed general improvement bond issue, were considered at meeting of the park commissioners in the city hall yesterday afternoon. No concession was reached in either case but all will probably be considered definitely at a meeting of the park committee of councils and the commissioners next Friday afternoon.

The estimates for 1898 were considered and gone over in detail but were not decided upon definitely. If the big improvement scheme by bond does not materialize the commissioners will try and keep as far as possible below the \$15,000 actually required for current expenses and improvements imperatively demanded. Last year \$3,350 was appropriated for May-Aug park. Of this sum \$679 was for a superintendent, \$500 for a park policeman, and \$2,150 for current expenses. For Cornell park \$1,000 was appropriated and for Woodlawn \$250 (by ordinance).

A petition submitted to the Superintendent Phillips contained facts as to attendance which will gratify hundreds of persons who realize the beauties and possibilities of the city's park system. A portion of the report, which includes the attendance, was as follows:

During the past year the time of the meeting has been employed in retaining trees, blowing out stumps, burning brush, making rustic benches, erecting a giant's stride, parallel bars, etc. Only eight men were employed, six of them from January to June 4. On June 4 more men were employed and two teams were hired. Five hundred and eighty feet of fence has been erected along the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western tracks and stone steps have been placed on the path down to the falls. There has been no other means of getting down except at some danger. The old roadway was also placed in shape so that it could be driven over between the boulevard picnic grounds. The funds being exhausted on July 16 the men were paid off. From the time the picnic season closed until the end of the year we cleared out the swamp of brush and dug out 100 loads of dirt to make a skating pond for the children.

The first picnic of the season was held on May 15. We had quite a number in June, but the regular season did not begin until July. During July, August and September we had forty picnic parties and 570 small family and party picnics. We had picnics from Blokesy, Clark's Summit, Dickson City, Moosic, Dunmore and Elmhurst. The attendance at the park has doubled this last year. The greatest number at one time was 15,000. The average attendance on Sunday was 5,000. We never had an accident on week days. The two that happened occurred on Sunday, owing to falls from the swing. One of our greatest needs is a shelter building, there being no protection against the rain storms except the trees. We need more tables, swings and different amusements for the children, and two or three water tanks. Another, that the police officer be mounted.

Extra Griffin post, No. 139, Grand Army of the Republic, installed officers last evening at their room on Lackawanna. The officers are: A. E. Stevens, commander; C. P. Jadin, senior vice commander; George E. Shafter, junior vice commander; Samuel H. Stevens, quartermaster; William Jones, adjutant; W. G. Scott, chaplain; William McDonnell, officer of the day; Charles Van Valen, guard.

China Mall.

To start the New Year aright we put on sale a number of NEW Dinner Sets

Semi-Virgious China, Under-glaze Decorations. Prices range from \$14 to \$16

for 112 pieces. They are good value, too. Stock is limited at these prices.

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131 Wyoming Ave. "Walk in and look around."

China Mall.

Heartburn, Gas, Trills, all Stomach Disorders positively cured. Grover's Peppermint Cure is a specific. One dose moves all distress, and a permanent cure of the most chronic and severe cases is guaranteed. Do not suffer! A 50-cent bottle will convince the most skeptical. Matthews Bros., Druggists, 320 Lackawanna avenue.

USEFUL PRESENTS FOR MEN--Bath Robes, Night Shirts, Sockwear, Gloves, Suspenders, etc.

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ATTEND TO YOUR EYES NOW

Eyeglass preserved and headaches prevented by having your eyes properly and scientifically examined and fitted. Eyes examined free. The latest styles of Spectacles and eyeglasses at the lowest prices.

DR. SHIMBERG, 305 Spruce Street.

Some Special Bargains

for a few days--don't forget to look them over.

Big Drive in Toilet Soap. A large variety of brands to be sold at the uniform price of 3 pieces for 10c. All extra large size, some of it worth 10c a piece; look over the list:

Black Prince Tar, White Rose, Buttermilk and Glycerine, Domino, Heliotrope, Wild West, Oat Meal, Elder Flower, Wild Violet, Glycerine, Wild Locust and Honey, Violet-Cream, Sea Foam Shaving, Castile and Cocoa, Brown Castle. Any of the above your choice, 3 pieces for 10c.

Sand Soap, 1 lb. size, 3 pieces for 10c. Jubilee or Hummer soap, per doz., 25c. Pure white, as good as ivory, worth 5c, our price, 3 pieces for 5c.

Laundry, extra large size, worth 8c, our price, 2 for 5c. Ammonia 12 oz. or 1 1/2 pt. bottle, always 10c, our price, 4c.

Skates We give you the best for the least money, 39c up. Pictures About 40 different subjects, size 10 by 18, worth 10c, our price, 4c.

Novels Good reading, about 100 titles, worth 10c, our price, 4c. Lace Shelf Paper 12 in. wide, 25ft. in pack, per package, 4c.

THE GREAT 4c. STORE

310 Lackawanna Ave. J. H. LADWIG.

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To those who are not acquainted with the standing of the W. W. Kimball Co., the following will prove of benefit.

REPORT. Business established in 1850 by W. W. Kimball. Incorporated June, 1882, with capital of \$50,000. Capital increased in January, 1888, to \$1,000,000. Capital increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,200,000. Statement, January, 1896, showed surplus of over \$1,000,000 overpaid in capital. The company is known as a first-class house in its line and is in high commercial standing.

If competitors say the Kimball guarantee is not good, ask them for a mercantile report of their company and see how it compares with the above.

GEORGE H. IVES, General Agent, 9 West Market Street, Wilkes-Barre. W. S. FOOTE, Local Agent, 122 1/2 Pine Street, Scranton, Pa.

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